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Councilmember Rose Herrera Secures Bridge Funding for Lake Cunningham Skate Park

SAN JOSE, CA – San José Councilmember Rose Herrera has worked to secure bridge funding for the Lake Cunningham Skate Park allowing the park to remain open and supervised by city park staff through February 2012.

"By securing this temporary bridge funding to keep the Lake Cunningham Skate Park staffed, safe and family-friendly, we have allowed the newly formed *Friends of the Skate Park* user group time to seek grant funding and corporate sponsorships as well as work to market the skate park to increase annual attendance," states Councilmember Herrera. "There is no doubt in my mind that the skate park and its programs are worthy of such support. Programs in the city that can generate revenue and/or become cost recovery should be saved and supported especially when they keep kids off the streets and actively engaged in healthy, physical activity."

The *Friends of the Skate Park* will be hosting an informational and fundraising booth at the **Day in The Park Festival on October 1, 2011 at Lake Cunningham Regional Park** (2305 South White Road, San José, CA 95148). This free event is hosted by Councilmember Herrera. For more information go to http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/dayinthepark.asp.

About the Lake Cunningham Skate Park

The Lake Cunningham Skate Park is California's largest skate park at 68,000 square feet and features the world's largest cradle, tallest vertical wall and largest full pipe. The park has been in operation for a little over 2 ½ years. For more information go to http://www.sjparks.org/Skateboard/index.asp.

About Councilmember Rose Herrera

Councilmember Rose Herrera represents District 8 in the City of San José. Councilmember Herrera currently serves as the Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, the VTA Audit Committee, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee, a member of the Mayor's Gang Task Force, the Santa Clara County Transportation Advisory Board, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board, a voting delegate to the League of California Cities and the newly elected President of the League of California Cities' Women's Caucus. For more information http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/.